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SUBJ: SCALI DEMARCHE TO BOUTEFLIKA ON DELAY OF CYPRUS DEBATE

1. AMBASSADOR SCALI MET, AT HIS REQUEST, WITH BOUTEFLIKA AT UN OCTOBER 22 SCALI SAID THAT, WHILE HE RECOGNIZED BOUTEFLIKA ALREADY HAD BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN DELAYING CYPRUS DEBATE ON OCTOBER 28, WE NOW WONDERED WHETHER ANOTHER DELAY, TO NOVEMBER 11, WOULD BE POSSIBLE. SCALI OUTLINED REASONS FOR REQUEST:

A. TURKS WILL HAVE GOVT AND FONMIN BY THEN.

B. SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE IN ANKARA NOVEMBER 5

2. BOUTEFLIKA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM, BUT AT SAME TIME ASKED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN ORDER FOR HIM TO PROPOSE CHANGE, IT WOULD BE BEST IF HE WERE APPROACHED BY PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, I.E., GREEKS, TURKS AND CYPRIOTS. BOUTEFLIKA SAID HE WAS EAGER TO HELP, CAUTIONING, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO TREAT PALESTINIANS AND CYPRUS PROBLEMS BACK-TO-BACK IN GA. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH DELAY MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, DATE OF NOVEMBER 11 FOR CYPRUS MIGHT NOT. BOUTEFLIKA SAID HE RECOGNIZED CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD ONLY BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS

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OUTSIDE UN. HE PRAISED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PEACEKEEPING

EFFORT, CALLED HIM MAN OF GOODWILL AND TALENT. BOUTEFLIKA SAID SOVIET PROPOSAL RE CYPRUS MIGHT LOOK ATTRACTIVE BUT IT WOULD GO NOWHERE. FIRST, IT WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKS AND GREEKS BACKING IT ONLY FOR TACTICAL REASONS. IF GREEKS AND TURKS AGREE ON LATER DATE, BOUTEFLIKA SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ASSEMBLY TO ACCEPT IT. THE DATE HE MIGHT SUGGEST MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE NOVEMBER 11, BUT ONE LATE ENOUGH TO MEET THE SITUATION'S REQUIREMENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR SCALI THANKED BOUTEFLIKA FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPROACH GREEKS TO AGREE TO POSTPONEMENT. SCALI SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY ACCURACY OF BOUTEFLIKA'S ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL.

4. WITHIN HALF HOUR OF ABOVE CONVERSATION, CYPRUS MISOFF (JACOVIDES) ASKED USUN WHETHER IT TRUE US PRESSING FOR DELAY IN CYPRUS DEBATE. JACOVIDES MADE IT CLEAR CYPRIOTS STRONGLY OPPOSED ADDITIONAL DELAY. HE ARGUED THAT "IF DR. KISSINGER PLANS TO VISIT ANKARA TOWARD MID-NOVEMBER", IT WOULD BE BETTER THAT CYPRUS DEBATE OVER AND DONE WITH BY THAT TIME. MISOFF WAFFLED ON TIMING OF DEBATE AND TOLD JACOVIDES HE KNEW NOTHING OF SECRETARY'S PLANS. GREEKS ALSO PROMPTLY BECAME AWARE OF US DEMARCHE, AND INDICATED TO MISOFF THEIR OPPOSITION TO DELAY.

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